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SUBJECT: NATO SUMMIT

1. PRESIDENT CARTER SENT PERSONAL MESSAGES ON MAY 5 TO
PRIME MINISTERS CALLAGHAN AND TRUDEAU, CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT,
AND PRESIDENT GISCARD ABOUT THE NATO SUMMIT. EXCEPT FOR
THE MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT GISCARD, THEY CONTAIN INVITATIONS
TO A PRIVATE, INFORMAL WHITE HOUSE LUNCH ON MAY 30, OUT-
SIDE REGULAR NATO SUMMIT PROCEEDINGS, FOR THOSE HEADS OF
STATE AND GOVERNMENT WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE SUMMIT.
THE MESSAGES ASK FOR SUGGESTIONS ON TOPICS TO BE DIS-
CUSSED AT THE LUNCH, AND EXTENDING INTO THE FIRST PART
OF THE AFTERNOON'S SUMMIT DISCUSSIONS. THE MESSAGES
SUGGEST DETENTE, DEFENSE -- INCLUDING THE U.S. COMMITMENT
-- AND STRENGTHENING SUPPORT FOR THE ALLIANCE, ESPECIALLY
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WITH THE YOUNGER GENERATION. (FYI: WE WILL BILL THE
LUNCH AS A COURTESY EXTENDED TO HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERN-
MENT WHO ARE COMING TO WASHINGTON.)

2. ALL FOUR MESSAGES ALSO PROPOSE THE ISSUING OF A SPECIAL
STATEMENT BY HEADS OF DELEGATION ON MAY 30 -- ON BEHALF
OF GOVERNMENTS RATHER THAN AS A NATO DOCUMENT. A DRAFT

TEXT (WHICH FOLLOWS) WAS INCLUDED, WITH A REQUEST FOR

PRELIMINARY COMMENTS -- BY MAY 8 , IF POSSIBLE ON WHETHER A STATEMENT SHOULD BE ISSUED, AND LATER FOR DETAILED COMMENTS ON THE TEXT ITSELF. THE PRESIDENT HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE DRAFT BE WORKED OUT EXPEDITIOUSLY BY NATO AMBASSADORS IN BRUSSELS, WHO MIGHT BE ASSISTED BY CLOSE ADVISORS FROM CAPITALS. IF THERE IS A POSITIVE REACTION BY THESE FOUR LEADERS TO THE IDEA OF ISSUING A SPECIAL STATEMENT, THE PRESIDENT WILL SEND SIMILAR MESSAGES EARLY THIS WEEK TO THE OTHER ALLIED HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: NONE.

4. TEXT OF DRAFT STATEMENT BY NATO HEADS OF DELEGATION FOLLOWS:

FOR NEARLY THREE DECADES, THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE BULWARK OF WESTERN DEFENSE, AND THE FRAMEWORK FOR UNPARALLELED ADVANCEMENT IN THE WELLBEING OF OUR PEOPLES.

AS WE APPROACH THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF NATO IN APRIL 1979, EACH OF OUR NATIONS -- AND THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE -- FACE NEW CHALLENGES:

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-- THE MILITARY THREAT TO THE ALLIANCE POSED BY THE WARSAW PACT STATES CONTINUES TO GROW, OUT OF PROPORTION TO ANY LEGITIMATE NEEDS FOR SECURITY;

-- THE GROWTH OF SOVIET POWER AND ITS PROJECTION IN PLACES LIKE AFRICA, BOTH DIRECTLY AND THROUGH ITS ALLY CUBA, COMPLICATE THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND OUR ABILITY TO SUSTAIN SUPPORT AMONG OUR PEOPLES FOR DETENTE;

-- A NEW GENERATION OF MODERN WEAPONRY PLACES NEW DEMANDS ON DEFENSE PLANNING, AND ON SECURING ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS THAT ENHANCE THE SECURITY OF THE ALLIANCE WHILE REDUCING TENSIONS;

-- ECONOMIC CHANGE, BOTH WITHIN OUR COUNTRIES AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, HAS INCREASED BOTH OUR INTERDEPENDENCE AND THE COMPLEXITY OF PROMOTING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLES; AND

-- SOCIAL CHANGE IN OUR COUNTRIES, BROUGHT ABOUT IN

PART BY OUR SUCCESS IN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
DEVELOPMENT, WILL REQUIRE CREATIVE THOUGHT AND
EFFORT BY EACH OF OUR NATIONS.

AS WE FACE THESE CHALLENGES TOGETHER, WE REAFFIRM THE
CENTRAL ROLE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION
AS THE GUARDIAN OF OUR SECURITY, AND AS A PRINCIPAL BASIS
FOR OUR COOPERATION IN MEETING THE DEMANDS OF THE
FUTURE.

THE WORK OF THIS SUMMIT CLEARLY AND FIRMLY RELATES TO
THE NEW CHALLENGES FACING THE ALLIANCE, NOW AND IN THE
FUTURE. TO BUILD UPON THE WORK DONE HERE, AND IN ORDER
TO HELP US CHART THE COURSE OF THE ALLIANCE FOR THE
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1980S, DURING THE COMING MONTHS WE WILL REVIEW OUR COMMON
GOALS AND PURPOSES FOR THE YEARS AHEAD LOOKING TO THE
ALLIANCE'S THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY MEETING NEXT YEAR.

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